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(54) Title: NUCLEIC ACID PRIMERS AND PROBES FOR DETECTING *CHLAMYDIA PNEUMONIAE*

(57) Abstract

Nucleic acid sequences that are useful for detecting *Chlamydia pneumoniae* are herein provided. These sequences can be used in hybridization assays or amplification based assays designed to detect the presence of *Chlamydia pneumoniae* in a test sample. Additionally, the sequences can be provided as part of a kit.

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1. Claims: 1-9 searched partially in respect to SEQ ID NOS 2-7

Oligonucleotide probes or primers derived from the nucleic acid sequence encoding the 60kD outer membrane protein of *Chlamydia pneumoniae* for the detection of said microorganism in hybridisation assays or an amplification based assays

2. Claims: 1-9, partially with respect to SEQ ID NOS 9-14.

Oligonucleotide probes or primers derived from the nucleic acid sequence encoding the 76kD protein of *Chlamydia pneumoniae* for use in the detection of said microorganism in hybridisation assays or amplification based assays.

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